

DOWNLANDERS

A novel by Frank Haberle

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Downlanders is a humorous, moving portrait of five unprepared misfits who stumble into the wilderness in search of adventure and meaning, only to find that problems don't go away even at the last place on earth.

Downlanders tells the story of five disillusioned young people who escape the trappings of sedentary urban lives and take off for the Grizzle Peninsula—a 1,200 mile expanse of steep mountains, impenetrable forest and jagged coastline, and is reputed to be “last great wilderness adventure.”

But this reputation comes with a warning, stated repeatedly in the budget backpacker's guide that frames this dis-adventure story: idealists rarely find the utopia they are looking for. Instead of offering a solution to their woes, the vast, brutal wilderness forces them to confront their own and each other's shortcomings, until it all comes to a head in the last place on earth: a place called Grizzletown.

“Grizzletown, a place built from panic and the blood of men stripped of their dignities, is both real and imagined, a place mythical in its beauty, desolate and haunting.”—*Esther Alix, Author of **Stories of Gabriel***

“This is a book with a big bleating heart at the center of this frigid, fearful world.”—*Lauren Sanders, Author of **The Book of Love and Hate***

“The Grizzle Peninsula...remains as uninviting as ever, and the question becomes, who will make it and who won't?”—*Thaddeus Rutkowski, author of **Tricks of Light***

“Frank Haberle's lively storytelling and vibrant language highlight this unlikely quest into the wilderness you won't soon forget.”—*Vincent Wyckoff, author of the **Black Otter Bay** mystery series*



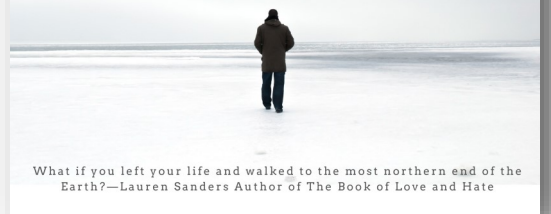
About the author

Over the last 20 years Frank Haberle's award-winning short stories have been featured in multiple collections. Downlanders is his second book. His first novel, *Shufflers*, is about minimum wage transients during the Reagan era. Frank is a volunteer workshop leader for the nonprofit NY Writers Coalition. He lives in Brooklyn and works in The Bronx.

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